

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 232 with the following paragraph:

The present invention also provides methods for preventing, managing, treating, and/or ameliorating diseases and disorders including, but not limited to, disorders characterized by aberrant expression and/or activity of IL-9, disorders characterized by aberrant expression and/or activity of an IL-9R or one or more subunits thereof, inflammatory disorders, autoimmune disorders, proliferative disorders, or infections (preferably, respiratory infections) comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of one or more antibodies that immunospecifically bind to an IL-9 polypeptide and one or more therapies (*e.g.*, prophylactic or therapeutic agents) other than antibodies that immunospecifically bind to an IL-9 polypeptide (*see* U.S. Provisional Appn. No. 60/477,801, filed June 10, 2003, entitled "Methods of Preventing or Treating Respiratory Conditions," U.S. Provisional Appn. No. 60/462,307, filed April 11, 2003, entitled "Methods of Preventing or Treating Respiratory Conditions," and a U.S. ~~Provisional~~ Application Serial No. 10/823,810 (~~identified by Attorney Docket No. 10271-113-999~~) filed concurrently herewith (April 12, 2004), entitled "Methods of Preventing or Treating Respiratory Conditions," which are all incorporated by reference herein in their entireties). The present invention also provides compositions comprising one or more antibodies that immunospecifically bind to an IL-9 peptide and one or more prophylactic or therapeutic agents other than antibodies that immunospecifically bind to an IL-9 polypeptide and methods of preventing, managing, treating, and/or ameliorating a disease or disorder utilizing said compositions. Therapeutic or prophylactic agents include, but are not limited to, small molecules, synthetic drugs, peptides, polypeptides, proteins, nucleic acids (*e.g.*, DNA and RNA nucleotides including, but not limited to, antisense nucleotide sequences, triple helices, RNAi, and nucleotide sequences encoding biologically active proteins, polypeptides or peptides) antibodies, synthetic or natural inorganic molecules, mimetic agents, and synthetic or natural organic molecules.